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The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in its
Opposition to Laclede Gas Company's petition for a writ of
certiorari, states:

Laclede filed a petition for review in the
United States Court of Appeals for the District of
Columbia Circuit under Section 19(b) of the

Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717r(b). That court dismissed the petition on the ground that "petitioner's suit arises under the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977 *** and in accordance with §10(b) of the Act, is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals ***" (Pet. App. A3).

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The decision of the court of appeals is correct.

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The Commission's decision . . . was . . . the adjudication of a question under the ENGA, and therefore reviewable only in TECA.

(FERC Brief in Opposition at 4-5).

In reply, Petitioner, Laclede Gas Company quotes from the Brief of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit:

Jurisdiction in this proceeding lies under Section 19(b) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. §717r). Section 10 of the Emergency Natural Gas Act of 1977 (ENGA) . . . is inapplicable in this proceeding which limits review of orders under that Act to the Temporary Emergency Court of Appeals. The orders under review herein are under the Natural Gas Act. (emphasis supplied).

(FERC Brief to D.C. Cir. at 2-3).

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